

No. 9884 號四十八百五千九第 日二十二月八年四十四光 HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1888. 四拜禮 號七十二月九英港香 PRICE \$25 PER MONTH

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GOOD AGENTS WANTED. [171]











## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
STEAMSHIP "ABERDEEN"  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, VANCOUVER,  
YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND KUCHINOTSU.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their goods from the cargo.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1888.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE "GLEN" LINE of Steam Packets, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optimal cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 30th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are also requested to insure their goods and/or cargo, not later than the 6th of October, otherwise they will not be recognized. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th September, 1888.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO EX O. S. S. CO.'S S.S. "PROMETHEUS," FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 30th inst. for forwarding per "PROMETHEUS," to Hongkong, 25th September, 1888.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 25th September, 1888.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "PROMETHEUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and in both cases it will be subject to rent.

Consignees are also requested to insure their goods and/or cargo, not later than the 6th of October, otherwise they will not be recognized. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1888.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

By "MAJOR,"  
CO (in diamond) No. 52-1 Case Paper.  
CO (in diamond) No. 467/2-2 Cases Cardboard from London, consigned to Order.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1888.

INTIMATIONS.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

LAUNCHES always on hand for—PICNIC, TOWING, BATHING, PRIVATE PARTIES, &c., &c.

For Terms, apply to  
C. S. O'NEIL—Corner of  
PEDDER STREET and PRATA.

1888 WINTER TIME TABLE.

KOWLOON FERRY.

THE COMMODOUS STEAM LAUNCH "PIONEER."

Will, from the 1st September, 1888, run daily as a Ferry Boat between Pedder's Wharf and Kowloon Point at the following hours:

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Our remarks on the probable introduction of the Merchandise Marks Act in this colony have elicited a query from "A Victorian" whose letter will be found in our correspondence column. How, he asks, could such an Act be enforced in Hongkong in the absence of a Customs examination of goods, or even of an Imports and Exports Bill? The answer is, that in England the administration of the Act is chiefly entrusted to the Customs, and that in a free port like Hongkong it could not be enforced so effectually as it is there. None the less, do we think that much good might be secured by an adaptation of the Act suited to the conditions of Hongkong. Goods of the kind which could not be intercepted as they were entering the colony, their sale might at least be rendered illegal and punishable. When the registration of imports, as proposed, was proposed it was not contemplated that there would be any examination of the goods imported into the colony, though it is not clear whether the Bill to meet any possible case in which the Superintendent might have given notice to suspect false returns had been given. If that Bill had passed, therefore, the machinery created would not have been much use for the carrying out of the Merchandise Marks Act. Our opponents, however, subject the matter to two objections, so far have really no connection with each other, though a connection might be effected by making the potential examination provided for in the Imports and Exports Bill an actual examination of goods. The first of the kind would, however, meet with much opposition in the community and could be carried in the Legislative Council only by the efficient vote. The freedom of the port is a principle on which the community of Hongkong is great value, and a compulsory examination of goods would be almost certainly an infringement of that freedom. Nor could such a measure be considered warranted in existing circumstances, for the sale of fraudulent marked goods could be approximately, if not entirely, suppressed by prosecuting the sellers. Examination of goods is by no means an essential feature of the registration of imports and exports, and the Bill, though rejected, might be brought forward, with most acceptance, in course of time.







that this side of the authorities when they are investigating the matter, as there may be more among the prisoners who have been unkindly enough to stand in the way of the investigation. I would like to get a position at the rear of the affair from Nos. 365 and 366, but the former is unable to speak on account of his wound, and the latter is evidently under the fear of some threats and is frightened. We have been told that the latter is a native of Wales, and nothing beyond making the statement, which they adhere to, that their chains had been snapped before they started to run for the boat, and, if any one among the prisoners had said so, this, however, is fully contradicted by the sentences and turnkeys who witnessed the occurrence, all of whom are unanimous in the statement that, in the Police Court, when after Inspector Stanton had formally stated his charge, it was adjourned for a week.

From enquiries we have made, we learn that since the last trial of the prisoners, no less than 100 (the present year) the working of the gang has been slightly altered, in order to ensure greater safety. The batches of convicts have been put at longer distances, and the prisoners in the Police Court, when after instructions are furnished with revolvers and ten rounds of ammunition each, while the Indians have their rifles, with the same number of rounds supplied. The gang was made to march off to the Police Court, under the escort of the officers to attend the funeral of the prisoner in the afternoon. Twenty-three of his European comrades, and eight Indians walked behind the hearse to the cemetery.

When we are going to press we learn that the four prisoners in the gaol hospital are much in the same state as when they were brought in, and no fresh developments have occurred. The Police Court has with any degree of certainty whether they will be able to save No. 130 or not.

**THE INQUEST.**

The inquest on the bodies of Percival, the turnkey, and the two prisoners, was held yesterday afternoon at the Magistrate's by Mr. Justice E. George, J. P. Madar, and J. A. Gomez. The following evidence was taken:—

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